

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 and 19 are pending in this application. Applicants appreciate the Office Action's indication that claims 2-16 and 18 contain allowable subject matter.

By this Amendment, claim 1 is amended to incorporate a feature recited in claims 2 and 3. Accordingly, claims 2 and 3 are amended to delete the feature that is incorporated in claim 1. Claim 18 is canceled.

Reconsideration of the application is respectfully requested.

Applicants thank the Examiner Ackun for the courtesy extended to Applicants' representative, Mr. Luo, during the July 11, 2006 telephone interview. The substance of the telephone interview is incorporated in the following remarks.

During the telephone interview, Examiner Ackun requested a signed copy of the front page of the February 1, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement. Such a copy is attached herewith. The Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return initialed copy of, the form PTO-1449 filed with the February 1, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

Also, the Examiner is respectfully requested to acknowledge consideration of the references listed on, and to return initialed copy of, the Form PTO-1449 filed with the September 13, 2005 Information Disclosure Statement.

The Office Action objects to the drawings. Claim 18 is canceled to overcome this objection. Accordingly, withdrawal of the objection to the drawings is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs. These rejections are moot in view of the cancellation of claim 18. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claim 18 under 35 U.S.C. §112, first and second paragraphs, is respectfully requested.

The Office Action rejects claims 1, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) over U.S. Patent No. 5,487,694 to Deming. This rejection is respectfully traversed.

Claim 1 is amended to recite a limitation of the allowable claims 2 and 3, as discussed above. In particular, claim 1 is amended to recite that the cutter is a bead saw. As discussed during the telephone interview, Deming does not disclose or suggest such a feature.

For at least the above reasons, Deming does not disclose each and every element recited in claim 1, and claims 17 and 19 depending therefrom. Accordingly, withdrawal of the rejection of claims 1, 17 and 19 under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. Favorable reconsideration and prompt allowance of claims 1-19 are earnestly solicited.

Should the Examiner believe that anything further would be desirable in order to place this application in even better condition for allowance, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number set forth below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Information Disclosure Statement

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

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Sir:

Pursuant to 37 CFR §1.56, the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office is hereby directed to the references listed on the attached PTO-1449. Unless otherwise indicated herein, one copy of each reference is attached. It is respectfully requested that the information be expressly considered during the prosecution of this application, and that the references be made of record therein and appear among the "References Cited" on any patent to issue therefrom.

- ☒ 1. This Information Disclosure Statement is being filed (a) within three months of the U.S. filing date of this non-CPA application, OR (b) before the mailing date of a first Office Action on the merits in the present application. No certification or fee is required.
- ☒ 2. Relevance of references 1-5 is discussed in the present specification.
- ☒ 3. In accordance with 37 CFR §1.98(a)(2)(ii), copies of any U.S. patents and patent application publications are not attached.
- ☒ 4. English language Abstracts of the non-English language references 2-4 are attached hereto.
- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English language translation of the following Japanese references has been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office ([<http://www.jpo.go.jp>]), and is attached, but has not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 3-4.

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